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1908 IN HISTORY

A Brief but Comprehensive Review of the Important Events and Tendencies of the Year Past For Busy Readers Who Want to Be Well Informed.

By EDWIN S. POTTER,
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Despite the Depression, Republicans Retain Control.

Looking now calmly and dispassionately back across the field of conflicting interests and balancing forces which shaped the American presidential campaign of 1908, one is struck by the fact that the campaign was fought on a platform of radicalism. It is true that the people became convinced in one way or another that it is "better to bear the evils that they have than to fly to others that they know not of," and to give the trust regulating policies of President Roosevelt a longer and fairer trial in the hands of his favorite adviser, William Howard Taft. How the people became so minded is a question to which no answer can be found to suit all kinds of partisans. The salient facts can, however, be recounted briefly and with historical impartiality.

On Jan. 31 was issued the challenge of the dominant personality and official of the party in power which was to determine in many ways the plans of battle of the different parties for the capture of the American electorate—namely, the message of President Roosevelt to congress advocating his program of radical legislation.

On June 16 at Chicago the Republicans got together. They cheered forty minutes when Chairman Lodge eulogized the president and seated all the Taft contestants. The thoroughness of this operation caused it to be described as the administration "steam roller," of which Frank H. Hitchcock was the engineer. The only fight was on the court injunction plank. Samuel Gompers, head of the A. F. of L. and other leaders of organized labor, confronted with numerous court decisions unfavorable to their methods and facing lower wages or lack of work for many workers, had decided to fight in the open for the party whose labor plank suited them best. Despite the warnings of the Gompers "cabinet" before the platform committee the plank finally adopted at Chicago was not to their liking. Van Cleave, Cannon, Crane and other Republican leaders insisted upon upholding the integrity of the courts, but asserting that the rules of injunction procedure be "more accurately defined by statute" and that no injunction should issue without due notice "except where irreparable injury would result from delay." William H. Taft of Ohio was nominated for president on the first ballot and James S. Sherman of New York for vice president.

On July 7 at Denver the national convention of the Democratic party assembled with the knowledge that an overwhelming majority of its delegates were pledged to the nomination of William J. Bryan of Nebraska. The big gathering broke all records for continuous cheering when the blind Oklahoma senator, Gore, eulogized the Nebraska, the demonstration lasting eighty-seven minutes. Bryan was nominated on the first ballot, although the names of Johnson and Gray were presented. John W. Kern of Indiana, with the approval of Bryan, was named for second place.

As in the Republican convention, the main contest had to do with the wording of the injunction or labor plank of the platform. Gompers was present and gave his assent to the plank finally agreed upon. While asserting that "courts of justice are the bulwark of our liberty," it demanded a modification of the injunction law so as to provide for a trial by jury in cases of direct contempt. It declared against treating labor organizations as illegal combinations in restraint of trade, favored the eight hour day and promised a general employers' liability law.

Bryan at once induced his executive committee to say that it would reject all corporate gifts, would limit individual donations to \$10,000 and would publish on Oct. 15 and daily thereafter the names of givers of \$100 and upward. The final total published after ward was \$29,044 from 75,000 contributors. Although the Republican convention had rejected a publicity plank, Taft and his managers decided to work under the New York law and publish names and amounts of contributors after the election. Their funds totaled \$1,055,518.

Frank H. Hitchcock, who had engineered the Taft canvass, was chosen chairman of the Republican national committee, and George R. Sheldon was made treasurer. The Democrats elected Norman E. Mack, the Buffalo newspaper proprietor, as their national chairman and Governor Haskell of Oklahoma as holder of the purse. When Treasurer Haskell resigned, his place

was filled by Herman Hilder, editor of the New York Staats-Zeitung.

July 28, at Cincinnati, Taft delivered his speech of acceptance. He frankly accepted the role of "one man" by defending the Roosevelt policies in their entirety and explaining that his work, if elected, would be to carry on those reforms in detail.

Aug. 12 at Lincoln, Neb., Bryan was notified of his nomination and sounded the keynote of his campaign in the question, "Shall the people rule?" In subsequent speeches he gave great prominence to the bank guaranty plan, to the popular election of senators and to campaign publicity before election. He made a special bid for the labor vote on the injunction plank. He would destroy all trusts controlling over 50 per cent of an industry.

Regarding the depression as the beginning of the breakdown of the capitalist system and claiming the array of idle workers as their asset, the Socialists of America went into the campaign with better weapons than ever before. On May 10 the Socialist convention met at Chicago. For the first time the Socialists of America affirmed their position on specific questions of policy. The convention nominated Eugene V. Debs for president and Benjamin Hanford for vice president, the same ticket put up by the Socialists in 1904.

The Prohibitionists, conscious of the great strides their cause had made on the local option issue in many states, nominated Eugene W. Chaffin of Illinois and Aaron S. Watkins of Ohio July 15 at Columbus, O., on a platform containing many radical proposals besides that against the sale or manufacture of intoxicants.

On July 25 at Chicago the first national convention of the Independence party, an outgrowth of the league organized by Edgar Hearst, named Thomas L. Hedges of Massachusetts and John Temple Graves of Georgia on a platform containing most of the radical ideas of the Democrats and some more radical. Opposition to Bryan was its keynote.

The People's party, Aug. 3 at St. Louis, nominated Thomas E. Watson of Georgia as its standard bearer along with S. W. Williams of Indiana, although it did not put a ticket up in all of the states.

On Sept. 15, at Columbus, O., Hearst stirred up the hitherto calm current of the campaign by reading into his speech the first batch of a series of letters which had been stolen from the files of the Standard Oil company and which threw a sinister light on the activities of various public men, notably Foraker, Bailey, MacLaurin, Shibley, certain Pennsylvania judges and ex-Governor Stone, who was urged to appoint them. Most of the letters were written by Vice President Archibald of the trust and contained direct certificates of deposit for large sums of money. At the same time Hearst repeated the story of the alleged attempt to bribe former Attorney General Monnett of Ohio wherein Haskell, the Democratic treasurer, was made to figure.

As governor of Oklahoma Haskell also was accused of protecting a legal branch of the Standard. Foraker at once withdrew from the campaign, and the president issued a hot statement condemning the Ohioan and gave out an old letter showing how Taft had refused to deal with Foraker; then compared this course to that of Bryan and Haskell. Bryan replied, demanding a hearing for Haskell, and then ensued a bitter verbal duel on personal and party issues. Haskell resigned, but protesting innocence, as did also Du Pont, the powder trust head, from the chairmanship of the Republican speakers' bureau. Both the president and Taft took the ground that publishing names of contributors before election would be to invite unfair and partisan criticism of candidates.

Gompers appealed to all unions in the A. F. of L. to give moral and financial support to Bryan. Speaker Cannon was the special target of the Gompers battery, and "management" became a national issue, many candidates for congress being pledged against Cannon as the next speaker.

On Nov. 3 the voters of the nation had their say. The extent of the Republican victory can be best remembered by the statement that Taft carried every state that Roosevelt did in 1904 except Nebraska, Colorado and Nevada. Furthermore, Taft invaded the solid south with small pluralities in Maryland and Missouri and large gains in other southern states. The popular vote stood: Taft, 7,887,676; Bryan, 4,336,182; Debs, 417,051; Chaffin, 241,252; Hedges, 83,186; Watson, 33,871; Gompers (Socialist-Labor), 15,421; total, 14,852,230. The total vote in 1904 was 13,519,758. Several states in the Taft column elected Democratic governors—Harmen in Ohio, Marshall in Indiana and Johnson in Minnesota. Taft captured the Democratic stronghold of New York city. The Republican majority in congress was reduced to 47, the total being 219 and the Democrats 172. The senate's Republican complexion was unaltered.

The early months of the long session of congress were devoted chiefly to the Republican wrangle over the terms of a currency bill. The Aldrich relief measure finally went through the senate March 28 despite the all night filibuster of La Follette, to propitiate whom the railroad bond feature had been cut out. La Follette named an oligarchy of fourteen wealthy men who, he said, actually ruled the nation. The Vreeland bill, in which clearing house associations were made the channel of the new currency issue, was passed by the house, and then a compromise between that and the Aldrich bill, with provision for a joint commission to report on permanent reform, was adopted by both branches and signed by the president.

Under the president's prodding the

Stimulus Reliance bill was advanced by the majority and passed unanimously in both houses. This bill interstate carriers liable for injuries to employees and abolished the rate hearing competition when the negligence of a foreign employee can be proved.

The Democratic filibuster was met by a gag rule and daily revers until the majority had accomplished its purpose. This included provision for two new battleships instead of the four urged by the president, higher pay for army officers and privates and a liability law to protect employees in the service of the government. The house failed to pass the anti-trust and anti-trust amendment to the Sherman law desired by the president in the interest of labor. "In God We Trust" was referred to the coin rolls. The total appropriations of the session reached the record figure of \$1,804,000,000.

Congress reassembled Jan. 7 and received the final Roosevelt message, in which executive control of appointed trusts was advocated and judges were urged to heed the will of legislatures according to present day standards. A bitter court case arose over one passage which influenced that measure had notified the court service in the treasury department before congress did not want to be intimidated. The same moved on to become the secret service and the proposed proof of the president's assistants.

Uncle Sam Insists Upon Carrying a Big Stick.

The administration's foreign policy has exemplified well this year a favorite saying of the president, "Speak softly, but carry a big stick." This nation has preserved good feeling toward other nations, but at the same time has shown its readiness to use the big stick and devoted much thought and money to navy and army betterments.

March 11 at Magdalena Bay the fleet ended its voyage around the Horn in command of Evans, and was widely welcomed all along the coast to San Francisco. Evans then gave up the command to Sperry, and on July 7 the fleet sailed from San Francisco on its second breaking naval practice cruise, visiting Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, China and the Philippines before the year's end.

The war department changed heads July 1. Luke E. Wright succeeded Taft.

On May 5 the state department concluded a five year arbitration treaty with Japan. On Nov. 30 notes were signed containing an agreement with Japan for payment of a loan in maintaining the status quo in the Orient, a virtual alliance.

The treasury in January had a deficit of \$10,000,000, which grew to \$30,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year. The treasury department, by order of the president, asked that papers in foreign languages must submit translations and authorized postmasters to exclude papers containing incitement to murder, treason and sedition. In May the postal rate to England was raised to eleven cents, and Oct. 1 the postal rate to that country was lowered to 2 cents, later the same to Germany.

On Aug. 14 the president appointed a commission, headed by Professor L. H. Bailey of Cornell, to gather data looking to betterment of farm life.

May 15 to May 16 the White House the first conference of state governors and noted men met the president to discuss the conservation of national resources, the conference making a new element of national unity. This body reassembled Dec. 8 and approved a great scheme of waterways by a bond issue.

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Free to all subscribers of this paper. Every reader of this paper who has any trouble with either Stomach or Liver, can get a free sample of Rydall's Stomach Tablets or Rydall's Liver Tablets or both if needed by writing to Rydall Remedy Co. Newport News, Va. These two remedies are not cure all, one is for stomach troubles only, the other solely for liver and blood troubles. Guaranteed by J. W. Thurston.

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For troubles, of course, but not your job. And you needn't blush like a baby girl. For you won't get sympathy, but the shirt. Unless you put up a first class front.

The Answer Finally. Inter-unionism to eliminate the mutual bickerings of elementary republicanism. Mr. Buns, once for all, when it's a door not a door.

Game. To paraphrase the proverbial reply, Mr. Hamilton, when it's a hum-dor-dor-dor.

The Game of Hearts. She took with hearts, and yet she plays her hand with utmost care. That not one card shall slip in wrong. And lose the chance to pair.

Not Enough Room. "Brown is the most narrow minded man I ever met." "So?" "Yes. Whenever two thoughts get into his head at the same time they bump into each other."—Judge.

SIRE AND SONS.

Seth Low succeeds James R. Morse in the presidency of the American Asiatic Association, now eleven years old.

The Duke of Argyll has hurt the feelings of the highlanders by saying that no man over sixty should appear in kilts.

Representative Leslie K. Morse of Haverhill is the owner of one of the largest bulls in the world. Banjo weighs more than 4,000 pounds and stands higher than the tallest horse.

Chester S. Lord has been managing editor of the New York Sun for twenty-eight years. He joined the paper in 1872 as a reporter and for seven years was under Charles A. Dana and enjoyed his confidence to the end.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Canadian minister of finance, raises and spends \$100,000,000 a year on a \$7,000 salary. Mr. Fielding is the only prominent member of the old cabinet that gathered about Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1896, having held his position twelve years.

Clark James McKenny of the supreme court of the United States recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entering the clerk's office. Mr. McKenny entered the office in a subordinate capacity, but he has held the position of clerk for twenty-eight years.

The Jews of Austria are elated at the appointment of a colonialist, Major General Eduard Ritter von S. Hentner, to the rank of field marshal. This officer, who has seen over forty years' service, was born of poor parents and entered the army as a private.

Two Old Adages

"There are two old adages. 'Haste makes waste' and 'Make haste slowly.' That every one should employ when they undertake to cure a cough in a few minutes with preparations containing morphine, opium, chloroform or other narcotics. 'They may stop the cough and ease sleep quickly, but they also dig up the secretions and constipate, leaving nothing but a far worse trouble. Cough Elixir is guaranteed to cure. Cough Elixir and Drugs Law to make no opiate nor harmful drugs of any kind or character. Think about it, and you or one of the children have a cough. John W. Thurston.

Short Stories.

Of those who die only about 11 per cent are insured.

The postal business of the world is increasing 7 per cent per annum.

The first alarm of fire by an electric telegraph system was given at 8:20 p. m. April 29, 1872, in Boston.

The site of the Greenfield (Mass.) First National bank was formerly purchased for a lot of black tin tins, they very much in fashion.

The wages of the coolies who raise tea in Ceylon vary from \$30 to 11.60 cents a day. They are, however, housed free and get rice at cost price.

A statistician who has taken the trouble to figure it out says that the average married couple may figure on about 4,194,000 descendants in 500 years.

No receptacle has ever been made strong enough to resist the bursting power of freezing water. Twenty pound steel shells have been rent asunder as though made of pottery.

Recent Inventions.

A Canadian inventor has patented a combined comb and razor to trim hair more rapidly and evenly.

A Kansas carpenter has patented a device to be attached to a saw to blow away the sawdust. A piston, struck by the wood being sawed, sends a current of air through a curved tube.

A Brooklyn man has secured a patent on a spiked driving wheel and runners to replace the ordinary wheels and convert an automobile into a motor driven sleigh when snow is on the ground.

A new flying machine invented by a Russian military engineer is said to fly twice as fast as the fastest of the world, and to carry them at higher speed than the airplanes of similar power owned by other European nations.

Household Hints.

After trimming turn the wick of a lamp below the burner or the oil will ooze.

Boil new colicotters in borax water and clean water kettles in the same manner.

Paraffin used on the tops of preserve glasses can be saved until the next season by washing in cold water and putting in a tin box with a tight lid.

When broiling steaks in the gas oven put water in the pan beneath the broiler. It catches all grease, which when cold can be skimmed off. This keeps the oven clean and saves labor in cleaning the pan.

A Religious Author's Statement

For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick white sediment and I passed same frequently day and night. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy, and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy.—John W. Thurston.

Catarrh Causes Dyspepsia

The discharge from Nasal Catarrh constantly dripping into the throat and being swallowed with the saliva carries the catarrhal infection to the stomach and Catarrh of the stomach sets in. This causes Dyspepsia or Indigestion as these ailments appear when the stomach is weakened from any cause. Rydall's Catarrh Remedy is a safe sure treatment for Dyspepsia caused by catarrh of the stomach. It is used both locally and internally hence kills the poison in the membranes of the nose and stomach and also in the blood. It is sold on a positive guarantee. John W. Thurston.

German Gleanings.

There are over 10,000,000 depositors in the savings banks of Germany. The German city of Greifeld had an output in silk and plushes last year amounting to \$21,500,000.

The entire capital invested by German municipalities in plants for public utilities is now estimated at nearly \$1,000,000,000.

In the year 1871 there were 49,607,000 people counted in Germany, so that now the population shows an increase of 22,000,000, or more than 44 per cent. The population of the territory now embraced in the German empire has doubled since 1871.

Science Siftings.

The moon gives out heat enough to affect a thermometer and make a difference of 2 or 3 degrees.

The human eye can discern an object as small as one six hundred and twenty-five thousandths of an inch in diameter.

Galvanometers now are made so delicate that they register the current produced by the pressure of a human finger on a globe of mercury.

Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, is of the opinion that a dark spot on the planet Jupiter, which changes its position, is an island of soot floating about on the molten surface.

Things Theatrical.

Mrs. Stuart Robson will not appear in vaudeville this season.

Clyde Finch has made an adaptation from the German which he calls "The Blue Mouse."

One of George V. Hobbart's latest works is called "The Merry Widow and the Devil."

Mabel Hite and Mike Donlin are producing a sketch in which they play an important part.

Miss Gertrude Quinlan, who made such a hit as Plum Wilgins in "The College Widow," is to go into vaudeville with a sketch called "Zaza's Hn."

Tales of Cities.

Philadelphia has 1,400 associations devoted to the relief of suffering.

Los Angeles was originally called Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles.

The fourteen public libraries of Chicago contain 1,432,631 volumes, not including pamphlets and maps.

There will be new dairies built in New York city during the next year to accommodate \$2,000 families.

You would not delay taking Foley's Kidney Remedy at the first sign of kidney or bladder trouble if you realized that neglect might result in Bright's disease or diabetes. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities and cures all kidney and bladder disorders. John W. Thurston.

The Royal Box.

The crown prince of Montenegro is the champion royal lady wrestler of all Europe.

Prince Edward of Wales is a splendid athlete and one of the best boxers in his class at school.

Ferdinand I. of Bulgaria is a distinguished student of botany, a great ornithologist, an omnivorous reader and a connoisseur in all matters of art.

The most popular girl without doubt, in Germany is Princess Victoria Louise, daughter of the Kaiser, who is a pretty maiden of sweet sixteen.

Cheated of Her Right.

"I do not like to cook," said she. "For cooking I've no taste. I have the ankles, as you see, and I've a slender waist. I know I'll soon become the rage if I were only on the stage."

"You're wrong," she said. "It's such cooking work. I'd hate to have to earn my bread and butter as a clerk. I just despise this cashier's cage. I would be so lovely on the stage!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Way She Does It.

"Mrs. Clynner is a model housewife in one way." "What is that?" "By dint of giving her dinners, teas and receptions to the reporters she manages always to keep her house in print."—Baltimore American.

Famous Gamblers.

Mme. du Barry was the most famous woman gambler of the time of Louis XV, but with her it was only a pastime. But Mme. Pompadour went in with the sole object of winning if she could. It is recorded that her winnings were enormous and that in a single game she eased the pockets of the king of 25,000 louis d'or (\$125,000).

Dogs of Portugal.
The dogs of Portugal are fond of grapes, and sticks are purposely fastened to the animals' necks to impede or prevent their entrance to the vineyards in search of the luscious fruit.

Our Deepest Well.
At present the deepest well in this country is one drilled for gas in Pittsburgh. It was sunk to the depth of 4,680 feet, when work had to be abandoned on account of the drilling cable breaking of its own weight.

Finger Nails.
The nails of two fingers never grow with the same degree of rapidity. The nail of the middle finger grows with the greatest rapidity and that of the thumb the least.

Plantain and Banana.
The plantain (*Musa paradisiaca*) is a small tree plant that is closely akin to the banana, but differing from it in not having the purple spots on its stem. The fruit of the plantain is also larger and more angular than that of the banana.

Republic of Haiti.
It was in 1791, under the influence of the French revolution, that the "Black republic" Haiti came into being. The mutual antipathies of the mixed population burst forth into one of the most vindictive struggles on record, which resulted in the extermination of the Europeans and the independence of the negro insurgents.

Kidney and Bladder Diseases.

are indicated by one or more of these symptoms, viz: Pains and Weakness in the Back, Lame Back, Dragging sensation in the Back and Loins, Muddy thick Urine, a white deposit brickdust deposit, Puffiness under the Eyes, Bloating appearance of the Face, Swelling of Ankles and Feet, Browsiness, Loss of memory, Dropsy, Blood Poisoning and Rheumatism. Rydall's Kidney Remedy is guaranteed by us to give satisfaction to all sufferers from Kidney or Bladder disorders. John W. Thurston.

Our First Planes.

The first planes known in America were imported from London in 1784 by John Jacob Astor, but as they could not stand the rigors of this climate they soon became ruined. This fact led to the attempt to build planes in this country, and in the early part of the nineteenth century planes made their appearance.

London and Solar Eclipses.

Only two total eclipses of the sun have been visible in London during the last thousand years. It is estimated that the next total eclipse visible in London will be on June 14, 2151.

There is no case on record of a cough, cold or a gripe developing into pneumonia after Foley's Honey and Tar has been taken, as it cures the most obstinate deep seated coughs and colds. Why take anything else?—J. W. Thurston.

Snakes as Necklaces.

There are plenty of snakes in Samoa, but they are all harmless. In certain districts it is a custom of the native girls to wind live reptiles around their necks and arms as ornaments for their dances.

The Ruby.

If you make a ruby hot it becomes green, but goes back again presently to its own color.

Burials in Japan.

There are no undertakers in Japan. When a person dies it is the custom for his nearest relatives to put him into a coffin and bury him, and the mourning does not begin until after burial.

Senoras and Senoritas.

The married and unmarried women of the United States, of Colombia, South America, are designated by the manner in which they wear flowers in their hair, the senoras wearing them on the right side and the señoritas on the left.

Spiders' Thread.

Four miles of an ordinary spider's thread would weigh one grain.

Potatoes.

Potatoes as a food vary in value according to the way they are cooked. Roasted they are in the best form for eating. Peasants eat potatoes together with milk and are correct in principle, as the milk furnishes the elements lacking in the tubers.

London's Lord Mayor.

No man can be lord mayor of London